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SUBJECT: ACCUSATIONS AGAINST EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR
DESIGNATE SHAZLY

1. FOR PAST WEEK NOW, FCO HAS BEEN INVESTIGATING CHARGES LEVELED BY PRESS AND PUBLIC AGAINST NEW EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE LIEUT. GENERAL SAAD EL-SHAZLY, FORMER CHIEF OF STAFF. STORY BEGAN WITH ARTICLE BY MARTIN WALKER IN THE GUARDIAN OF JANUARY 8 ACCUSING SHAZLY OF PLANNING A JOINT CAMPAIGN WITH NATIONAL SOCIALIST FASCIST ORGANIZATIONS AGAINST JEWS IN BRITAIN WHEN HE WAS STATIONED IN LONDON EMBASSY SOME TEN YEARS AGO (1962-63). ARTICLE (POUCHED ADDRESSEES) CITED SPECIFIC LETTERS AND OTHER EVIDENCE.

2. ACCORDING TO FCO, ARTICLE WAS FOLLOWED BY LARGE NUMBER OF LETTERS, MAINLY FROM IDENTIFIABLE ZIONISTS, PROTESTING SHAZLY ASSIGNMENT. LETTERS ALSO CALLED ATTENTION TO ORDER HE REPORTEDLY ISSUED EGYPTIAN TROOPS IN OCTOBER WAR TO KILL ENEMY WHEREVER ENEMY FOUND.

3. FCO IS HAVING CHARGES INVESTIGATED SO AS TO BE PREPARED WITH PUBLIC EXPLANATION IF, AS SEEMS PROBABLE, CONFIDENTIAL

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BRITISH ACCORD AGREEMENT TO SHAZLY. ONE COMPLICATION

ORIGINALLY WAS THAT EGYPTIANS ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT
(ON JANUARY 6) BEFORE NOTIFYING BRITISH. ON OTHER HAND,
TIME CUSTOMARILY REQUIRED FOR GRANTING OF AGREEMENT
(ABOUT THREE WEEKS ACCORDING TO FCO) WILL ALLOW INVE-
STIGATION OF CHARGES.

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